

I recognize that any new highway project has environmental consequences. JoDaviess County, in particular, has a rolling terrain that is beautiful to behold and a delight in which to live. Any new highway built should be sited, designed and constructed with maximum sensitivity to the surrounding environment. I believe IDOT has succeeded in this objective.

First, IDOT, its consultants and related agencies have studied several different corridors and many combinations of alignments. The EIS documents the results of this process. IDOT has made every attempt to identify each and every environmental concern and to assess the impact of the project on surrounding communities. I believe IDOT's conclusion that the Long Hollow Freeway with the South Simmons Mound variation is the most desirable alignment, is well founded.

Second, IDOT has gone above and beyond the formal EIS requirements in an effort to involve the public in the study process. In 1993, IDOT announced a citizens' involvement process for the project analysis which involved the creation of five (5) work groups and a U.S. 20 Advisory Council. The five (5) work groups were drawn from all major issue areas: the agriculture, tourism, the environment, economic development and government. Any citizen of the area could participate in any work group of choice. Representatives of the work groups comprised the Advisory Council. IDOT was not involved in the selection process.

The work groups and the Advisory Board had access to most of the reports and field analysis of the IDOT staff and project consultants. We also had access to IDOT's project consultants and staff. The work groups were encouraged to ask questions, offer suggestions, critique reports and to form independent conclusions about the project. As an example, IDOT even added the area north of Galena Territory to the project study area (for a time) at the request of the Environmental Work Group. The citizens' involvement process was both extensive and thorough.

At the end of this process in late 2000 and early 2001, U.S. 20 Advisory Council unanimously recommended the Long Hollow Freeway with the South Simmons Mound alternative as the least environmentally damaging and the least costly alignment. There were no dissenters. Given the diversity of opinion and the variety of issues raised during the process, this consensus was nothing less than remarkable.

I would like to add one additional observation about the EIS process. At the beginning of the EIS in 1993, there were many groups and individuals who were adamantly opposed to a 4-lane highway being built, particularly a freeway. By the end of the process ten (10) years later, many of these same individuals had concluded that a 4-lane U.S. 20 was needed and that a new alignment built to contemporary standards would be a better alternative than trying to upgrade the existing U.S. 20 to an expressway standard.

As with any project, there are bound to be some dissenters. However, the overwhelming majority of the people of Northwestern Illinois, public officials, governmental bodies, economic development organizations, farm groups and citizen groups all support a 4-lane U.S. Route 20. We know it is important to the safety of present and future users. We also know that this highway is important to the future economic health and vitality of the entire region.

Even though this project is centered in Stephenson and JoDaviess County, officials in Rockford, Winnebago County and even Boone County to the east of Rockford support the approval and construction of this project. Its importance is underscored by the Rockford Council of 100's and the Regional Initiative for Community Excellence's (R.I.C.E.) regional visioning effort, which labeled a 4-lane U.S. Route 20 between Freeport and Galena as one of its top five (5) priorities.

Even as the public hearings for the EIS are being held in Freeport and Galena, a delegation of elected officials and business leaders drawn from throughout the region are meeting with our Congressmen and Senators from Illinois to discuss funding for a 4-lane U.S. Route 20. We are all united in our determination to see that this vitally needed project is approved and that funding is obtained for its construction in a timely manner.

The Rockford Register Star in its Tuesday, June 24, 2003 editorial about the EIS process, summarized our region's sentiments this way:

Here in Northern Illinois, we've been exceedingly polite and patient. It's time to get obnoxious. It's time to demand a road project that's been denied, delayed and detoured for 50 years.

It is my hope that the Environmental Impact Statement will receive the necessary final approvals and that this project will move forward to construction as soon as possible. Further, I hope that IDOT will build a highway which is a credit to our State and to the environment in which it is placed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor



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GALENA TO FREEPORT EIS

I talked to the engineer at the Freeport Public Hearing and to him that the AYD Rd. construction would take the pasture I use for my Alpaca herd these rendering the property "worthless" for my purposes. In addition - the area that you want to make the right of way & raise the elevation of is my organic field. Moving the field would be extremely expensive as the elevation from the house anywhere else would require a ejector pump system. I am also in need of acquiring more pasture & doing an addition to the house. Neither of which I will do if the project proceeds. I need to make some decisions so I need to know the timing of the construction. Not just the construction.

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I visited the G.S. meeting at Freeport yesterday.
The groups have put a very good plan together and we hope you are able to carry it out in good time.
Safety is a major concern anytime we travel to Freeport. And an improved highway is needed if we are to have a chance to survive and grow.

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Please provide more detail on
snowplow turnaround and North on
A 47 Rd. to Bolton Road interchange,
North to Cambridge Rd.
Right of Ways etc.

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I feel the interchange at Simmons road
takes too much land. We've been all over
The US & you can do it much smaller.

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Particular attention should be given to
reducing damage to natural vegetation
on Horseshoe Mound from air pollutants
and spray from deicing chemicals used
on U.S. 20 and the proposed Horseshoe
Mound interchange. Additional land
on Horseshoe Mound should be
protected with scenic or conservation
easements to prevent commercial and
residential development near the
interchange. Access to U.S. 20 near
the interchange should be prohibited.
ISTEA funds should be set aside for
purchase of scenic easements along
the proposed alignment, especially
near Tapley Woods and Horseshoe Mound,
equal to 10% of project costs.

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We own/farm land along the North side of
Rt. 20 east of Stockton. We wish to be
kept informed of the progress of this proposed
building of the freeway.

One concern is some land-locked acreage
(approx 20-23 acres) which we will be unable
to farm due to the new road. What is the
intent to compensate us for this land?

The land is currently owned by parents
of my husband, R. J. + S. A. Kleckner.

Thank you.

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As someone who lives along the proposed route and who will be affected by this dam, stating that I am opposed to this and the only recourse I have is to sell our property. I am opposed to the large right of way needed in front of our property. Not only will we be bulldozed, but we know we find it will be a highway on, I view. Frankly I dislike the whole thing.

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June 25, 2003

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The 250 members and directors of the Freeport-Galena Area Association of REALTORS would like to go on record as supporting the U.S. 20 four-lane project from Freeport to Galena, and specifically the Longhollow Route.

We feel this project is long overdue and would appreciate an expedient accomplishment of this goal.

Sincerely,
Roger L. Kerr
Roger L. Kerr
Executive Officer



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As the state Representative representing the 89th District in which includes the entire project, it is imperative that we get this project on the 5 year plan in the immediate future. I will do everything I can to accomplish that goal.

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The proposed project seems to be well thought out in relation to the least amount of disturbance of scenic lands. I did ask some questions about the type of bridges and construction materials to be used. Particularly on longer bridges such as in Galena. Also asked questions about access for industrial areas such as Elroy and Lena. Also about clearances over railroad tracks. I asked questions about building the road through the river bluffs East and North of Galena.

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I SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD.

BOTH OUR STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN DECIDING HOW TO ALLOCATE LIMITED FUNDS AND RESOURCES. SINCE THIS STRETCH OF ROAD HAS SHOWN EXCESSIVE ACCIDENT RATES FOR MANY YEARS - IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE REMEDY THE PROBLEM BEFORE MORE PEOPLE ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED.

LET'S BUILD A ROAD THAT TOMORROW'S CHILDREN WILL BE SAFE TO TRAVEL ON.



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I fully support the route proposed for a 4-lane highway between Freeport & Galena. I support this work based on economic development opportunities that will benefit the entire area as well as for safety reasons - there have been too many accidents & lives lost on the current Rt 6. A new 4-lane highway will definitely improve safety. Again, I fully support the construction of a new 4-lane highway between Freeport & Galena. Thank you!

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GREAT IDEA!
nice PowerPoint show.

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PLEASE PROCEED WITH THE BUILDING OF US 20 4 LANE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU DELAYED IT LONG ENOUGH. IT IS NEEDED FOR THE SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR AREA.

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I am in Favor of the Recommended -
alternate 2 - Long Hollow alignment with
the south of Simmons mound.

Had wrote to Idot in 1999 after the advisory
council had unanimously recommended this
alignement

also wrote recently to Gov. Blagojevich
that we need funds from the state and
also Federal and had received answer from
Gov's office,

am highly in favor of a Free way, and we need to do
this now

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THIS IS NOT JUST AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUE. THE BACKLOG
OF HWY 20 TO A 4-LANE ROAD IS A MAJOR SAFETY ISSUE.
TRUCK TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.
PASSENGER CAR TRAFFIC CONTINUOUS AND HEAVY ON WEEKENDS.
THIS TRAFFIC WILL NOT GO AWAY. IT WILL ONLY INCREASE,
AND THE PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL ALONG ROUTE 20 WILL FACE
EVER INCREASING DANGER.
IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, MANY BUSINESSES HAVE EXPANDED
ALONG ROUTE 20. THIS TOO HAS IMPACTED TRAFFIC FLOW, AND
THE LONGER WE WAIT THE HARDER IT WILL BE TO GET THIS
PROJECT DONE. PRESSURES WILL INCREASE FROM THOSE WHOSE
INVESTMENTS MAY BE THREATENED BY THE EXPANSION OF ROUTE 20.
WE MUST NOT WAIT. THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT ON COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUAL
INVESTORS AND BUSINESSES DEPEND ON A SWIFT AND CERTAIN DECISION
TO GET THIS ACCOMPLISHED.

THANK YOU.

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The chosen ~~route~~ route seems to
be logical, so now lets stop studying
and start building!!

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The proposed design includes the amount of work and cooperation that went into the planning. Now is the time to complete final drawings and start construction.

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The towns of Warren, Apple River, Scalas Mound, Apple Canyon Lake, and Schappard that use Stagecoach trail to access Route 20 to Dubuque were given no consideration with an interchange that is easily accessible. They will still be forced to go into Galena. No consideration is given to Area people who are being impacted by this. The plan seems designed to cater to the Galena Territory.

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I am concerned that there is no interchange at Stagecoach trail near Galena. If indeed the highway is bridged above Stagecoach consider building an extension from Stagecoach near Galena to business 20 so trucks and other traffic can access the new highway faster. This would benefit Galena as the traffic that doesn't need to be there would be eliminated.

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disappointed?
I am concerned there is no interchange at Stagecoach Trail. There are many small towns on Stagecoach trail that are forced to go thru Galena to get to Highway 20 to get to NGA. Using Stagecoach to Franklin St in Galena means these drivers must go by the water park and church and public schools. The proposed design will eliminate none of this traffic. Why wasn't the interchange at Horse shoe Mound put at Stagecoach trail instead? There are no towns between the Devil's Ladder interchange and the horse shoe mound interchange? North of Stagecoach reside ~~near~~ Scalas Mound, Apple Canyon Lake, Apple River and Warren. Current route provides no relief ~~for~~ for these areas.

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My main concern with this comment sheet is to get on the mailing list. However I do have 2 small ponds and a small cabin that is 2 the right away. I'm interested in what I should or shall not do as far as improving your property. I really didn't learn any more than I had guessed at. However it wasn't a waste of time.

Thank You

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I do not favor the prevailing "if you build it they will come" mentality. Building a freeway through beautiful Jo Daviess Co will encourage thousands of trucks with noise & air pollution to come thru Jo Daviess Co.
I do favor widening US 20 where feasible putting in by passes around Unadilla, Elizabeth, Stockton & Galena.

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I am a landowner on highway looking up to Tapley Woods. This is some of the most beautiful land in Illinois - why put your money in the water. Put up some Tapley water. The riparian zone has been a lot of life. (2 x 1/2 by 20 + 4 more on the river). All already has a major investment in the future. HWY 20 is this area.

I have been told for 10 years I could have developed this area years ago - or rented it or just kept it, but didn't want to put my finger on it if it was going to be condemned then forever.

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Put 2 lanes alongside of the original route 20-

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We currently have a dairy operation on both sides of Hwy 20 North in Kalena. A culvert/cattle ~~can~~ pass under 2 lanes of Hwy 20 connects pastures. This is an important part of our farming operation. We are concerned as to how this will be affected.

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We read this like a whole in the head. If there are too many accidents on 20, then the state police aren't doing ~~their~~ job. This growth will destroy why people come up here. Growth isn't always best. Taxes should pay for some of this if the road goes in. This will help Dubuque more than the towns in IL.

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When viewing the map of AYP Rd - Drakid our barn is not a solid structure and the new proposed drive to our home is located where the barn (1870 structure) is located. I spoke with Dan Loftis who stated that a drive could be changed. We do not want to lose the ~~barn~~ barn.

Kathy Richards

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I ASK THAT YOU PRESERVE THE STARRY SKIES OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY BY USING ONLY DARK-SKIES-FRIENDLY LIGHTING ON THE NEW U.S. 20.

Also, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE EXISTING US 20 ALIGNMENT (2-LANE) WASN'T ONE OF YOUR PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENTS. I AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR BYPASSES AROUND COMMUNITIES, BUT BETWEEN COMMUNITIES YOU AGREE EVEN CONSIDERING USING THE EXISTING ROADWAY, WHY?

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As a member of the Ag Impact group, one significant fact has dramatically changed - in the last 9 years dairy farmers who live along the current Rt. 20 have quit dairy farming. At the Jo Daviess/Stephenson co. line a farm near Wehler has an empty dairy barn. As you travel west there are many others. In taxes in the Stockton school district have just gone up. I believe there are many farmers who would not mind if their farm buildings would be taken & houses moved. There is also a number of old farm houses sitting empty. As a former dairy farmer we need to get our farm moved. We don't want to lose our precious farmland. I would like to see the 4 lane

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Rt 20 use as much of the existing pathway of the current U.S. 20 as possible. We need to conserve our precious farmland in Illinois. I also would like to see all tax money used to maintain 1-4 lane highway system through the area. To maintain a 4 lane system plus the current Rt. 20 for night drivers is too much money. In Illinois our school systems are in desperate need. We need to spend our tax money in this area. Thank you.

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There should be suggestions for alternatives such as trucks and/or bus lanes to not have to have all trucks find the trucking industry by using highway roads for them. The towns use the Rt 20 on Fri Sat & Sunday - limit trucks to Mon - Tues - Wed - Thurs & we don't have to build this. You folks don't "most" alternatives, a new freeway but this is unsubstantiated & unrealistic.

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WE THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT RHD RETAINS THE PROTECTION ALLOWING TO THE JO DAVIEN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. FOR EXAMPLE AT FIRST GLANCE, MOVING THE DEVIL'S LAUNCH INTERCHANGE TO TIPPET ROAD MAKES SENSE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF GALENA TOWN'S RESIDENTS AND EAGLE HORN QUEST'S COMING FROM CHICAGO. HOWEVER, THAT CANNOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF A RHD RETAINING ALSO, ANY LIGHTING MUST BE DARK-SKY FRIENDLY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE YET ANOTHER REASON WHY PEOPLE COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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NAME: DEN - CRYSTAL MASON
ADDRESS: 3454 N. Ford
GALENA IL 60136
PHONE: PLEASE SEND IN WRITING YOU NOT DESIRE NAME CALL

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